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Council/PH Committee (*) Council
Agenda Item (*) Bill 13, CD2 FD1
Your position on the matter (*) Support
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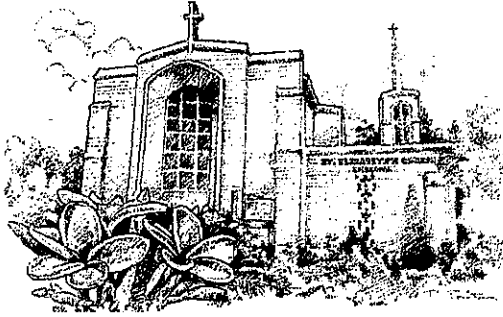
Thank you for being so proactive in addressing the affordable housing crisis we are in. The funds appropriated are urgently needed and you have done well in setting aside these resources. But, these funds can't be spent properly unless the staff exists to do so. The Mayor has asked for 7 positions to do just that. Compared to the sums set aside for housing, the staffing sums are not significant. I urge you to please fund the positions. If the Mayor fails after getting what he asks for, that failure is his to justify. If he fails because he is denied the staff to perform, that failure rightly rests elsewhere. Please, for the sake of the hundreds of children sleeping on our sidewalks and taking meals in our public parks, fund these positions and

continue to work together with the administration to solve this crisis, Thank you.

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Dear Council Members,

Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church supports the Mayor's request for the seven positions needed to run the Office of Strategic Development. Those positions are necessary in order to actually build the affordable housing that council has funded.

We are grateful that council supports affordable housing. If the Mayor, with these resources, does not move quickly to create affordable housing, that is a fair campaign issue for next year. But it is not fair to criticize him for not getting the job done if he is denied the modest resources requested to do so.

Our housing shortage is beyond a crisis stage. We in Palama are feeling its effects every day as the sit/lie law has pushed people from Waikiki and Chinatown into our neighborhood in increasing numbers. Our Church has a family of four, young parents and young children, sleeping in a tent on the front lawn, because the shelters are full. We all need to work together to solve this crisis and get our children and women off the streets. Let's work together to make this happen!"


The Rev. David J. Gierlach
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